A COLLECTION OF Twenty-Three PROPHECIES AND Predictions

Of the Famous

MICHAEL NOSTRODAMUS,

the Learned Astrologer of *France*, as they Concern and Point at these Times.

TOGETHER

With their Explanations, foretelling many Strange and Wonderful Things, about to happen in *England*, *France*, and *Ireland*; but more particularly the Success of Our Arms in the Later Revolution, and what we may farther expect, with the Miseries Threatning the Kingdom of *France*, Before the Year One Thousand Six Hundred Ninety One be Over.

This following Prophecy was writ by an *English Bard* above One hundred Years since.

In the year when the Figures turn'd shall be the same,
Then bloody France look to't, beware your fame,
For all your Cruelties, you then shall pay,
And now Approaches fast the Reckoning Day. } 1691

LONDON, Printed and Sold by *Randal Taylor*, near *Stationers-Hall*, MDCXC.

ADVERTISEMENT.

WHereas the Book of Songs in Folio, set by Signior *Pietro Reggio*, consisting of One hundred fourty and four Copper Plates, curiously Printed upon Imperial Paper, was formerly sold for 16 *s.* it is now proposed to be sold for 7 *s.* by *W. Whitwood*, in *Duck-lane*, and Mrs *Feltham* in *Westminster-hall*.

And at the same Place, this Book following.

The History of *Justin*, taken out of the four and forty Books of *Trogus Pompeius*, containing the Affairs of all Ages and Countreys in Peace and War, from the beginning of the World, until the time of the *Roman* Emperours, treating of the Aborines, forced from their Countrey by Frogs and Mice; of the Aborigines, the Abrogation of the Law for Sacrificing Men Alive, the Wars and Policies of *Alexander* the Great, with the Account of his Death; of *Hannibal*, *Antiochus*, *Cambyses*, *Scipio*, and other Kings, Princes and Captains. *Aristotle*, Tutor to *Alexander* the Great. *Artaxerxes* had 115 Sons; the *Athenians* the Inventers of Oil, Wine, and the Manufacture of Wool, *Babylon* builded by *Semiramis*, the holy Misteries of *Ceres*. *Cleopatra* married her own Brother *Ptolomy*, and the Execrable Murthers committed by him. The *Cyprian* Virgins provide themselves Dowries, by prostitution of their Bodies. *Darius* bound by his own Men in Golden Chains. *Nero* defiles his own Mother. *Joseph* preserved in *Ægypt* from Famine, his Interpretation of Dreams. *Micheus* Crucified by his own Father, a *Phœnix* seen in *Ægypt*, and in what Place the Giants made War against Heaven, with variety of other Histories. Translated into *English* by *Rob. Codrington*, Master of Arts. Sold by *W. Whitwood* in *Duck-lane*, Mrs. *Feltham* in *Westminster-Hall*.

TO

TO THE READER UPON THESE PROPHECIES.

Reader,

AT first view of the Title Page, you may ask, why we bring upon the Stage at this time, the Predictions, or Prophecies of one of an Ancient Date, to which, for your better satisfaction, we Answer, that this famous Astrologer, esteemed the wisest and most experienced, did not limit them to the scanty Space of a Year, nor to an Age, but gave his Judgment as to what would in all probability fall out in Succeeding Ages, and perhaps to the end of the World; wherefore we have collected what may be most suitable to the present times, with an explanation as free as is reasonable or conjectural, in matters so dark and devious, the which for the better inlightning the understanding of Mankind, we have set down.

Prophecy I.

TOurs, Orleance, Blois, Angers, Reins, and Nants City vexed by suddain change, by strange Languages, Tents shall be set up, Rivers, Darts, Revenues, Land and Seas shall quake.

Annotation. This seems to threaten the Provinces of *France* with some extraordinary change, perhaps a Revolt, or the prevailing Arms of those that are at present in a War against it, this latter being most conjectural, by the hint of the two last Verses, or lines of the Prophecy.

Pro. h.

V *Tomar*), *Gascony*, by *English* Armies, by this same shall be made great incursions, Rains, Frosts shall Marr the Ground, Port Selyn shall make strong Invasions.

Explanation. Here the *English* are promised to make Incursions into the Province of *Guienne*, part of the *French* King's Territories,

but the weather in those Parts shall not be favourable, as also that the *Turks* about shall be flushed by Inroad, or Invasion of some Place or Countrey.

Pro. 3.

Bourdeaux, *Rowan*, and *La-Rochelle* Joints will Range About upon the Great Ocean, *English* Britains and *Flemings* joyn together, shall drive them away as far as *Rouana*.

Explanation. This seems to hint at the present times, that the *Dutch* and *English* shall be successful, and obstruct the *French*, by overpowering them by Sea, and forcing them into the *Rouana*, or *Rhoan*, a City in *Normandy* a City formerly subject to the Crown of *England*, and may in success of time be happily regained, as it was wrongfully taken from us, during the *York* and *Lancasterian* War, together with the whole Province, in the Reign of *Henry* the sixth.

Pro. 4.

The *English* Prince *Mars* hath his heart from Heaven, will follow his prosperous fortune.

Explanation. This without doubt points at the present Providence, in our Miraculous Deliverance, wherein God turned the hearts of the People, as of one Man, to his present Majesty, making him successful against our devoted Enemies, to establish him in the Throne, and forward his Undertakings in Victory and Renown.

Pro. 5.

The *Roman* power shall be quite put down, his great Neighbour shall follow his steps, Secret and Civil hatred and quarrels shall stoop the Buffoon folly.

Explanation. This denotes the Popish power in *England* to be overthrown, and that the same shall happen in a neighbouring Kingdom, perhaps in *France*, and that those who keep up fudes and animosities, may see their Errors, and stop the Buffoons folly, that is, by joyning against the common Enemy, and Uniting with the Interest of the Government.

Pro. 6.

The Change shall be very hard. The City and Country shall gain by the Change. A high prudent heart shall be put in, the unworthy expelled, Sea, Land and People shall change in condition.

Explanation. This may be thought plainly to hint at our Late Revoluti-

Revolution, but we leave further the Issue of Providence, and the Event of our Succeedings, good for time to time, which we cordially wish may ever be prosperous.

Pro. 7.

Peace and Plenty shall not be long praised in his Reign, the Flower-de-luce shall be deserted, Bodies shall dye, Death shall be brought, hoping there vanity to be buried.

Expl. This may denote the shaking of the Kingdom of *France* in this King's Reign, by some Insurrections occasioned by Famine or Discontent, as likewise Inundations, which by a Rapid overflowing, shall carry and hinder some of the opportunity of being buried in the Earth, though the contrary be desired by their Friends.

Pro. 8.

The great Army shall be rejected, in a moment shall be wanted by the King, the faith promised afar off, shall be broken, so that he shall be left naked in a pitiful case.

Expl. This may seem to hint at the late King's brave promise with the Church of *England* that rais'd him to the Throne, as to the first part, and the *French* King's not keeping his promise with him as to secret Intrigues, which frustrated his purposes, and left him naked in a pitiful case when he was rejected by his people.

Pro. 9.

Where all well, is all good, a Sun and Moon is Existent, his Ruin draweth near: The Heaven is making haste to change that fortune into the same case, as the seventh Rock is.

Expl. This seems to hint at the too great Pride of *France*, thinking to crave other Nations, when its own Ruin is near at hand, Heaven in its Eternal decrees, perhaps having designed to Infatuate their councels or devices, which may be meant by the Rock, signifying a thing insensible, into which their projects and policies may be chang'd.

Pro. 10.

In great Regret shall the *French* Nation be, their vain and light Heart shall believe rashly, they shall have neither Bread, Salt, Wine nor Beer. Moreover they shall be Prisoners, and suffer hunger, cold and need.

Expl. This no doubt threatens the *French* Nation with extraordinary calamity, as appears by the plain words without the need

of

of any Interpretation that I shall put upon them, as to the true understanding of the meanest capacity.

Pro. 10.

Many shall come and take of Peace between Monarchs, and Lords very powerful, but it shall not be agreed to so soon, if they do not shew themselves more obedient than others.

Expl. This may seem to point at the present affairs in publick discourses, and perhaps some negotiations; but the matter unto the Prophecy being plain, there wants nothing but time to give a further light into the fulfilling it, and the Submission of those that stand out in Rebellion and Opposition, to render us a peaceful Nation and People.

Pro. 11.

There shall be in *Guynea* an infinite number of English, who shall occupy it by the name *Anglo Aquitaine* of *Languedoc* by the Land of *Bourdeaux*, which afterwards they shall call *Barbarian*.

Expl. This gives the English hopes of receiving the antient Rights of this Kingdom now wrongfully detained by the French.

Pro. 13.

Against the Red Sea shall gather themselves Fire, Water, Iron, Rape, by peace it shall be destroyd. Those that shall conspire shall not be put to death, except one, who above all shall undo the work.

Expl. This demonstrates the Inveteracy of the *Roman* faction against the Protestants, but that in the end signified here of their error in cruelty, and turn their fury against the Disturbers of *Christendom*, who may be truly said to endeavour the ruin of the Christian world.

Pro. 14.

Peace is coming on one side, and War on the other: There was never so great a pursuing Man, Woman shall bewail the Innocent blood that shall be spilt, it shall be in *France*, and on all sides.

Expl. This seems to promise happiness to come on one side, and the miseries of war on the other, as Armies in *Rout*, *&c.* signified by the great pursuing, and the spilling of Blood in *France*, which should seem to be uncertain, but whether it shall be spilt in a Civil War, or by Excursion, the Author leaves doubtful.

Pro. 15.

Foot and Horse upon the second watch shall come in, destroy-

ing all by Sea; they shall come into the harbour of *Marseilles*, Tears, Cry's and Bloods, never was sobriter a time.

Expl. This signifies some Invasion of *France* by Sea, *Marseilles*, being a chief Sea port of that Kingdom, and perhaps we in a short time happen to leave this Prophecy fulfilled.

Pro. 16.

Kidery against King, and Duke against Prince, hatred between them, and horrid dissension, rage and fury shall be in every Province, great war in *France*, and horrid changes.

Expl. This directly out points Wars, Miseries and Alterations to *France*, insomuch, that there shall be rage and fury in every Province.

Pro. 17.

Brooks and Rivers shall be a stopping to evil, the old flame of Anger being not yet ceased, shall run through *France*; take this as an Oracle, Houses, Mannors, Pallaces, Seats shall be razed.

Expl. Here again are great calamities foretold, to arise from the fury of the People by Civil war in *France*, or by an invading Enemy, wherein great spoil and waste shall be made.

Prov 18.

He that the Principality
Shall keep by great Cruelty;
At last shall see a great Army
By Fire blow most dangerously;
He shall do better by Agreement strange,
Other ways he shall drink the juce of *Orange*.

Expl. What can be more plain than this Relation to the last, who shed so much Blood of his Subjects in the *West*, and other places by the hands of *Hangmen*, who at last had a great Army come against him, and not making any timely Agreement, he fled to *France*; and being Abdicated by his People, the Prince of *Orange* our present Sovereign, was first invested by the Government by the way of Contribution, and soon after proclaimed King.

The Purveyor shall put all in disorder, *Lerth* and *Wolf* do the burthen to me, when Mars shall be in the sign of *Aries*, joyned with Saturn and Saturnith, the Moon then shall be thy greatest Misfortune, the Sun being then in its Exaltation.

Expl. By the Purveyor, our Author has all along meant the

French

French King; by the Leech the Spaniard, and by the Wolf the Savoyard which are threatned with some Burnings or Ranagements by the French, when Mars shall be in the sign of Aries, &c. but when this will happen, we must leave to the event of time.

Pro. 20.

The Fleet shall stand before the City, then shall go away for a little while, and then take a great troop of Citizens on Land; the Fleet shall come back again, and recover a great deal.

Expl. This points at the last Expedition to *Ireland*, whereby the help of our Fleet, the City of *Cork*, and Town of *Kingsale* were reduced, and promises a further Success, and perhaps the Reducing of *Limerick* by such another undertaking.

Pro. 21.

O great *Rome*, thy Ruin draweth near, not of thy Walls, of thy Blood and Substance. The sharp by Letters shall make so horrid a Notch, sharp Iron thrust in all to the haft.

Expl. This threatens the confounding of the *Romish* Superstition by the ingenious and convincing Writings of some eminent Man, who shall press it so far, that the Papists themselves shall be convinced, and fall off; which may be signified by the Notch, and the sharp Iron thrust in to the haft.

Pro. 22.

Lentitia in Mars, Senators shall be in Credit. In a Night *Princes* shall be troubled. The Horoscope of the great *Ordan* foretelleth, That by *Saturn* his Power shall be put down.

Explan. This seems to threaten *Rome*, the XIV. with sudden Trouble in the Kingdom, and that in the end his Power shall be put down by which he has so long Tyrannized over his own, and the Subjects of other Princes where he has made Intrusions and Invasions.

Pro. 23.

In the Year when the Planets meet, shall be no Peace.
Then twenty Princes look sore, because your Power
For all your Ordinance you dare not
And your Appointment will not Reckoning day.

Expl. This is an ancient Prophecy of Merlins, and points directly at the year 1691. which if you observe to find the Numbers, 1 to 5, if the y upon the 1 to 6, and for the two last, turn them which way you please, they are the same, the like not to be done in many years before; and does match the most known Prophecies.